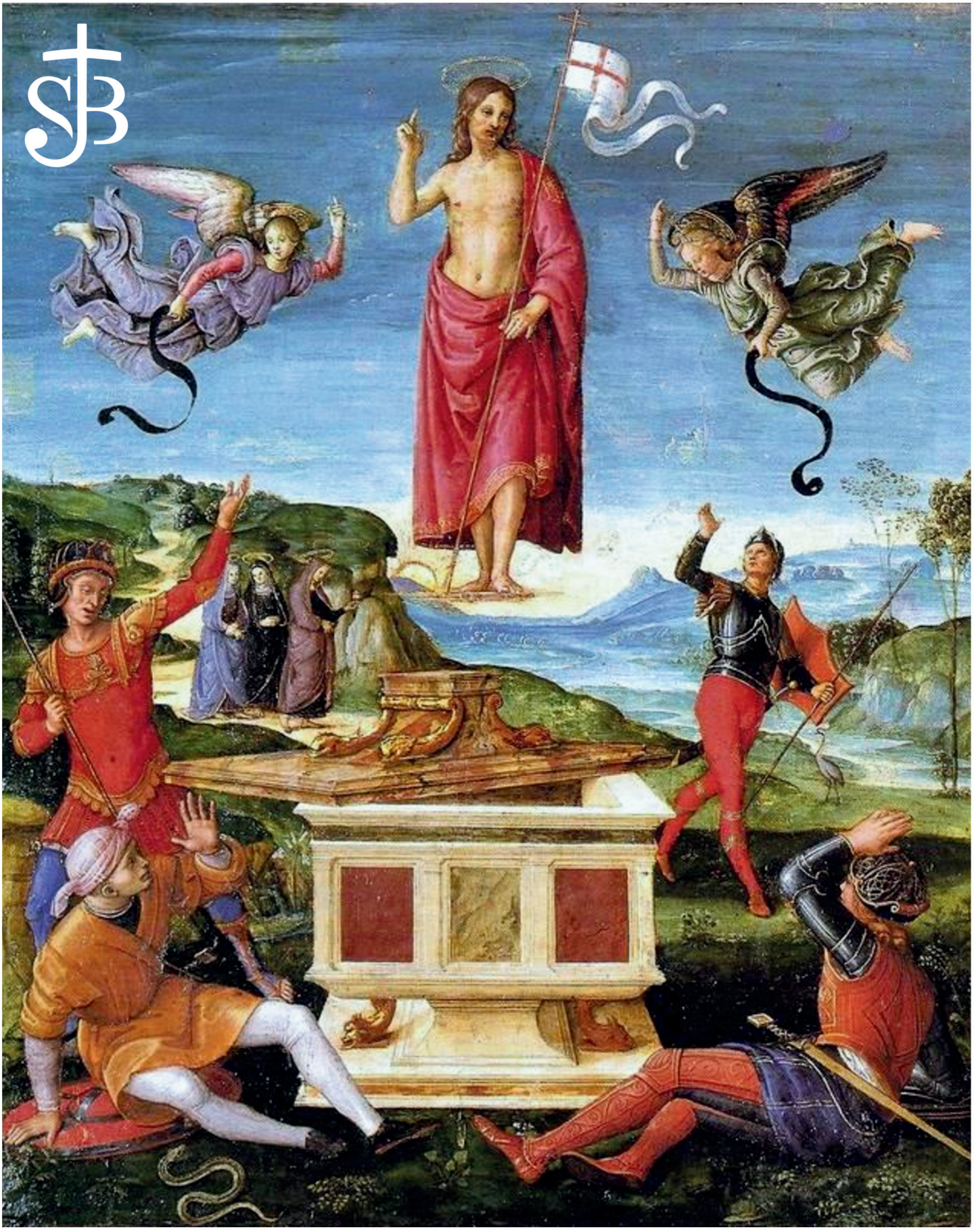

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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the biggest cause for celebration that we could ever have. The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus mean that our sins have been cancelled out and that death has been defeated. By offering Himself on the Cross, Jesus has made atonement for us to be brought back into relationship with God. And Jesus has also overcome death itself. We know that His promise to us is not just that He has conquered His own death, but that whoever believes in Him will also be raised again to eternal life; *"I am the Resurrection and the Life, whoever believes in me, though he die, will live forever."* (John 11:25) We know that none of us are getting out of this alive, and yet, we do not live in fear of death because it doesn't have the last word anymore. The awful finality of death has become a temporary reality for those who belong to Jesus. Jesus tells us very clearly not to be afraid of death anymore: *"Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld."* (Revelation 1:17-18) That He holds the keys means that He can come and go as He pleases and can raise to life all who have died. He has complete access and complete authority. And so, He tells us, "Do not be afraid," because He has overcome the worst thing that can ever happen to us. Jesus' invitation to us is to have faith, to believe in Him. He invites us to place our personal trust in Him and to give our lives to Him. This Easter, I pray that you will experience the victory Jesus has won for you, and the joy of knowing the promise of eternal life.

God Bless You,

Fr. Dan

The Parish Office, will be closed on Monday, April 6. Confession and daily Mass will still take place.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

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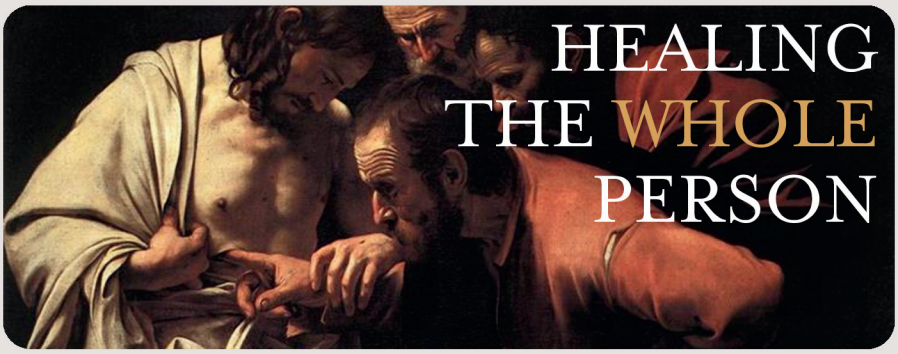

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST THIS EASTER SEASON AND RECEIVE HIS HEALING AND NEW LIFE!

WHAT IS IT:
Healing the Whole Person is an 8-week series from the *John Paul II Healing Center* that invites you to explore the human heart, the wounds we carry, and the healing Christ desires to bring. Through video teachings from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, you'll be guided in reflection and prayer to receive Christ's healing love in your life.

WHEN IS IT:
Tuesday Evenings, April 14 - June 2
7:00–9:00 PM

WHO'S IT FOR:
For anyone desiring wholeness, freedom and an encounter with a loving Creator. Those who have participated in previous sessions are very welcome to return and go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

SCAN TO REGISTER:

Our Parish is looking to fill two open positions. Please review the job descriptions, consider applying, or pass them along to someone who may be a good fit.

- **PART-TIME BOOKKEEPER**
- **MEN'S CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

Most importantly, please pray that the Lord provides the right candidates for these roles.

APPLY HERE

SJ Beat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!

MEN'S MINISTRY MORNINIG

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the Parish Life Center
Join us as we strive to grow in faith, fraternity, and discipleship. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend—whether you've participated in the Men's Breakfast, *Exodus 90*, or are looking to get connected. Fr. Dan will share what's coming up for Men's Ministry and how you can get involved.

WORSHIP NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

Save the Date

MAY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH
7:00 PM
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124 Pearl St #100

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1 Chronicles 29:14

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YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN THE EMAIL LIST.

FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
Hours may vary during holidays.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOLUNTEER & LEARN MORE.

CAMPUS MINISTRY – *LIVING THE RESSURECTION*

In the days after receiving the sacraments at last year's Easter Vigil Mass, what stayed with me was not only a single overwhelming moment, but something quieter and more enduring. There was a steady sense of peace, and a new awareness that I was not walking through life alone. It wasn't that every worry or sorrow had disappeared, but they no longer held the same weight.

I began to understand more deeply and personally what it means to say that Christ is risen. The Resurrection is not only something we celebrate once a year; it is a living reality that reaches into ordinary moments. In prayer, in silence, and in small acts of kindness, there is a nearness that was not as clear to me before. Christ is not distant—He dwells among us and within us.

That realization has changed how I see each day. There is greater hope, and a pure joy that persists beneath all else. The Resurrection is not just an event to remember—it is a presence to live with. In that presence, life is made new again and again. Christ is continually pouring out that very same grace in abundance, and is still calling each of us to come and receive Him. – ***Katie Nickerson***

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

REMINDER - The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday - April 3rd. We invite parishoners to continue to pray the Novena.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Celebrate the feast of the Divine love and mercy of God on April 12th at St. Joseph. Prayer, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions heard from 2:30 to 4:45 PM.

ST. JOSEPH WHITTAKER
SUNDAY APRIL 12TH, 2:30PM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us Sunday, April 12, after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses for a parish Pancake Breakfast, in place of Coffee and Donuts. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice while spending time in fellowship with our community. There is no charge; freewill donations are welcome. Hosted by the SJB Knights of Columbus.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
AFTER THE 9 AM & 11 AM MASSES
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SPRING YARD CLEAN-UP FOR SENIORS WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES!

Volunteer with us for a meaningful spring morning of service! Spend a few hours raking, trimming, and refreshing the yards of senior neighbors so they can continue aging safely at home. All ages are welcome, but minors need to be supervised by a responsible adult.

APRIL 25 (SIGN UP BY APRIL 18)
MAY 16 (SIGN UP BY MAY 9)

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PREBORN & STILLBORN CHILDREN

On Saturday, May 2, join others who share your sorrow for a Catholic Mass in recognition of your loss, no matter what the circumstances, no matter how long ago, no matter what your relationship to the child.

- Names read aloud in our Prayers of the Faithful
- Flowers for each small soul
- Memorial Candles
- Anointing and blessing offered after Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 2 AT 9:00 AM
THOMAS THE APOSTLE, ANN ARBOR
RSVP VIA THE QR CODE

ST. JOSEPH CLASSICAL (SJC) HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS 2026- 2027

New family registration begins April 1.

Grades 1–8: Faith-filled grammar program supporting academic and spiritual growth.
Grades 9–12: High school support classes in Biology, Chemistry, Civics, Theology, Literature, Quilting, and Carpentry, meeting once per week on Mon/Wed/Fri.

Contact Anna Nowaczewski: annan@sjypsi.com for calendar, class descriptions, and schedule.

MARRIAGE & BLENDED FAMILY RETREAT

The Marriage & the Blended Family Retreat is a formational, faith-filled weekend for couples entering or living in a second union, offering practical tools to build a strong, unified family. Rooted in the Smart Stepfamilies program, it addresses the real challenges of blended family life, including past experiences and co-parenting. Engaged and married couples are invited to take part in this supportive and honest environment.

MAY 29-30
ST. MARY MAGDALEN - BRIGHTON
SCAN QR CODE TO
LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt
Peter Wadaga

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH
12:15 PM: † Susan Long
Requested by Mary Comazzi

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH
6:00 PM: † Howard P. Lenhardt Jr.
Requested by KofC 3230

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of Fr. Dan Kogut
Requested by Mary Tillotson

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH
6:00 PM: † Peter Redente
Requested by Tony & Julie Redente

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
8:00 AM: Johnathan Meyer
Requested by Eileen Meyer

5:00 PM: Intentions of Albert Deheter
Requested by Lois Lapointe

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
9:00 AM: † Mary Ichesco
Requested by Mickey Ichesco

11 AM: People of the Parish

GIVE ONLINE
ypsicatholic.org/give

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE

HE IS RISEN!

VISIO DIVINA - A PRACTICE OF SACRED SEEING

The three women on the tomb of Christ - painting by Irma Martin

1. Take a moment to invite God into your time of prayer and contemplation, and ask Him to speak to you through the artwork.
2. Gaze upon the image. Focus on the part that first caught your attention and pause for a minute or two. Does it evoke a particular emotion? Do you hear a word from God? Take a moment to meditate upon what God is stirring in your heart.
3. Now focus on the whole image for a minute. What do you think God wants to speak to you through this image? Is there an emotion or word that comes to mind? Are there any questions that come up?
4. Pause and ponder all of the feelings or questions that come up and take a brief moment to meditate upon these.
5. Return back to a posture of prayer and respond to God. Pray through the words you received, the emotions you experienced, or any questions that arose.
6. Thank God for this time of prayer and reflect on or journal what came up.

Bible Verses - Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
APRIL 11TH & APRIL 12TH

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	John Belleba	Steve Uram
Jeff Decker	Shawn Lenhardt	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Roger Michna	Angela Parrinello	Andy Winnie
Josh Reszke	Need Volunteer	Vince Zahm
GREETERS		
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Wendy Winnie
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LECTORS		
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Ellen Gibson	Van Vandagriff	Joe McKeone
SACRISTAN		
Natalie Klackle	Lucy Shaw	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
Lawrence Okpala	Adrian Anderson	Hank Kangas
Jordan Wells	Augustine Lussier	Tom Kangas
Scott Wells	Matthew Yurko	Alex Uram

LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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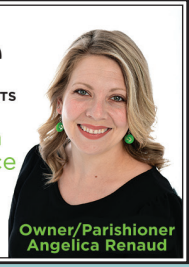
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